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## A Record Indeed.

### AFRICAN METHODIST OFFICERS IN THIRTY FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Financial Board Meet and Listen to a Great Report—Bishop Arnett and Other Prominent Divines Present Generous Appropriations to Deserving Causes—The Personnel of the Executive Committee—Notes.

The thirty-first session of the financial board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was held last week at 1541 Fourteenth street northwest, Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., of Wilberforce, Ohio, presided.

The first session was called to order at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, the 15th. Rev. George W. Shaffer, of Omaha, Neb. had charge of the opening exercises. Bishop Arnett delivered the opening address. He spoke of the differences between the white and the colored races and expressed the belief that they would finally be eradicated by the influences of the Christian religion. Mrs. L. M. Lampton, wife of the financial secretary, delivered the address of welcome. Rev. J. H. Turner, of Lexington, Ky., made the response. Rev. E. W. Lampton then made the financial secretary's report.

The conferences in the districts raised during the past fiscal year the following amount of Dollar Money: First district, Bishop W. B. Derrick, \$11,607.16; Second district, Bishop B. F. Lee, \$3321.84, with two conferences to report; Third district, Bishop B. W. Arnett, \$6,590.27; Fourth district, Bishop A. Grant, \$7,146.77; Fifth district Bishop C. T. Shaffer, \$8,262.46; Sixth district, Bishop H. M. Turner, \$18,283.87; Seventh district, Bishop Wesley J. Gaines, \$22,437.57; Eighth district, Bishop Evans Tyree, 21,529.53; Ninth district, Bishop B. T. Tanner, \$6,590.77; Tenth district, Bishop M. B. Salter, \$7,601.78; Eleventh district, Bishop James A. Handy, \$10,673.51; Twelfth district, Bishop C. S. Smith, \$673.53; Thirteenth district, Bishops Smith and Shaffer, \$4,724.81; Fourteenth District, Bishop L. J. Coplin, \$800.00. Total \$130,243.87.

During the three fiscal years last past there has been raised the following sums:

First	\$118,750.97
Second	120,627.23
Third	130,243.87

Total	369,622.07
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Of the amount collected credits have been made as follows:

Financial Dept., 46 per cent	170,026.15
Church Exten. 10 per cent.	35,962.20
Education 8 per cent.	29,569.76
Annual Con. 36 per cent.	133,063.94

Total ..... 369,622.05

## Men of the Hour.



REV. E. W. LAMPTON, D. D.  
Financial Secretary of the A. M. E. Connection.

An appeal was made by representatives of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church in this city, John Sims, E. Murray, J. W. Cromwell, William Beckett, and C. Clark, for at least \$2,500 to be paid on the church debt of \$24,000. The church is supported by the whole congregation of the denomination. The sum asked for was scaled down to \$1,500, and the motion was then adopted. Rev. J. T. Jenifer, D. D., of Baltimore, Md., asked for an appropriation for the Congregation Preachers' Aid Society. Rev. B. W. Arnett, jr., of Springfield, Ohio, secretary of the Allen Christian Endeavor Society, made an appeal for help for this branch of the Christian work. Rev. R. C. Ransom, of Chicago, described the work in the institutional church in that city.

A banquet to the members of the board was given at 2 o'clock, by Dr. and Mrs. Lampton. Rev. D. G. Hill, of this city; Rev. G. E. Taylor, of At-

lanta, Ga., and Charles S. Smith, of Wilberforce, Ohio, were invited guests.

Before adjournment the following committees were appointed:

Auditing—J. M. Henderson, Charles Bundy, N. J. McCracken, John Webb.

Appropriations—G. H. Shaffer, W. H. Heard, L. R. Nichols, A. J. Ker-shaw, W. F. Dangerfield.

Institutional Church—Charles Bundy, N. J. McCracken, J. M. Turner, John Webb, W. F. Dangerfield.

Resolutions—J. M. Turner, John Hurst, J. M. Henderson.

Buildings and grounds—N. J. McCracken, E. W. Lampton, John Hurst.

Executive—B. W. Arnett, John Hurst, J. M. Henderson, N. J. McCracken, Charles Bundy.

Church history—John Hurst, J. M. Tume, Chas. Bundy, J. M. Henderson, W. H. Heard.

The session of the board was brought

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## Gotham's Afro-Americans.

### COMPLIMENT DR. WASHINGTON WITH A BANQUET.

New York's Representative Business Men dine the Tuskegee Wizzard in a Beftting Manner, at Carnagie Hall—Chas. W. Anderson's Pen Picture of the Race's Foremost man—Notes of the Dinner—Scholarships.

New York, N. Y., Special.—The colored citizens of New York city and vicinity gave a complimentary dinner to Dr. Booker T. Washington, in Carnegie Hall, New York, on the evening of Wednesday, April 15th, which was unquestionably the most notable affair of the kind New York has ever seen, nor, with all Dr. Washington's distinction, is he often a guest at a function so well planned and so satisfactorily carried out.

The dinner was attended by over two hundred men, and the company was representative of the most intelligent, most progressive, and most successful colored business and professional men of the community. The apartment in which the dinner was given was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers and banners. A large portrait of the Principal of Tuskegee was surrounded with flags, and the tables were superbly trimmed with flowers. The decorations, the catering, and all the appointments of the affair were supplied by Negro business men, and it must have been a surprising object lesson to many people who are not acquainted with the capabilities of the men of the race in a business line.

Among other pleasant features of the dinner was made the occasion to present Mr. Washington two scholarships to Tuskegee Institute from the colored residents of Manhattan and vicinity. Gifts of this kind are particularly agreeable to the principal of the institution just now for the reason that the General Education Society having offered to duplicate all sums up to \$3,000 given to Tuskegee this year by colored people, the amount at this dinner will net the school just twice the sum.

The arrangements for the dinner were in charge of the following named gentlemen: Chairman, Frederick R. Moore; Secretary, Charles H. Lansing; Committee, Hon. Charles W. Anderson, Hon. Samuel R. Scottron, William H. Smith, Benjamin F. Hawley, Robert R. Willis, Jerome B. Peterson, Frazier O. Stratton, Hon. Wilford H. Smith, Thomas B. McKeel, Frederick B. Watkins, John W. Dias, John B. Nail, Theophilus I. Fisher, Roger Taylor, J. Hoffman Woods, Wm. Russell John-

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